

Gallaudet Fact—

Q. It is commonly known that Kendall School's first home was Rose Cottage, in the 1850s, and that since the 1970s, it has occupied the KDES building. Can you guess how many times the school has moved in between, and name some of the buildings in which it has been housed?

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U.S. Department of Education representatives Annette Reichman (center), director/liaison for the Office of Special Institutions, and Mark Snyderman, program analyst with the Office of the Under Secretary/Budget Service in the Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Research Analysis Division, discuss Gallaudet programs with President Davila and other University administrators during an on-site monitoring visit. Reichman and Snyderman visited the University June 1 and 2 as part of an annual oversight activity. During the visit, they saw presentations by University officials and had opportunities to ask questions.

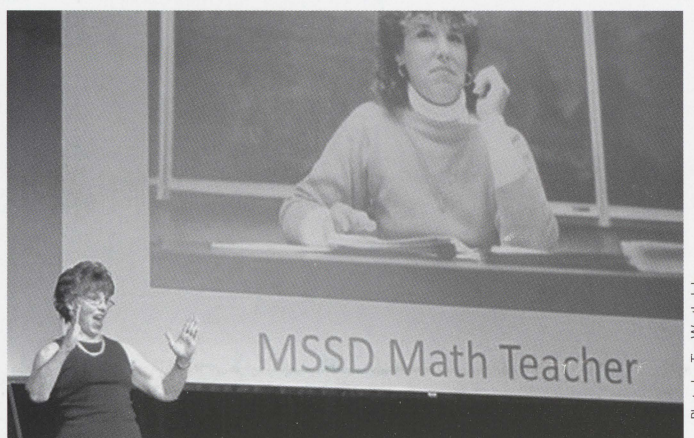


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KDES extended best wishes to the 14 members of the Class of 2009 at an Honorees Recognition Day ceremony held June 11 in MSSD's Theatre Malz. KDES middle school teacher Sandra Paradis addressed the class as guest speaker. Paradis taught math at MSSD from 1983 to 2000, then transferred to KDES. She is retiring this year. Paradis always says, "Middle school kids are the best." She advised the honorees that they need four things to soar—to know the truth, find their purpose, feel their worth, and use their power. The 2009 honorees were Edward Berke, Arjaneé Davis, Kelly Doleac, Fatou Greene, Amberlin Hines, Alexandra Langweil, Franco Maddox, Ashlie Payne, Amanda Roberts, Melany Salcedo, Deion Shepard, Trea Smith, Diego Trejo, and Olivia Trimmer. Congratulations!



The Gallaudet chapter of Phi Alpha Pi Scholastic Honor Society inducted 14 juniors and seniors at an April 30 ceremony. Pictured with President Davila are (from left): Dr. Michael Moore, honor society vice president, Willis Mann, president, Timothy Putt, inductee, Jacqueline Mann, secretary, and inductees Jiayi Zhou, Arthur Chan, Colleen Doyle, Ian DeAndrea-Lazarus, Laura Waterhouse, Garrett Hildebrand, and Christopher Kearney. (Not pictured are inductees Diana Berrigan, Leala Holcomb, Shana Lehmann, Stephanie Moore, Taiyab Naeem, and Ryan Shepard.)

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Charlene Ward counsels new KDES and MSSD grads to contemplate the wisdom of statesman John Lubbock: "When we have done our best, we should wait the results in peace."

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Photo: David Tossman

Members of MSSD's Class of 2009 exuberantly toss their caps after the June 12 graduation ceremony.

MSSD celebrates 38th Commencement with pomp and circumstance

By Susan M. Flanigan

MSSD's 38th Commencement ceremony on June 12 began with an outstanding choreographed interpretation of the "National Anthem." Seniors Kenneth Montanez, Tiffany Narciso, and Sergio Duran's dramatic rendition made it feel as if the audience were witnessing the bombs bursting in air and the star-spangled banner waving.

Jennifer Marfino and Datrell Scott, mistress and master of ceremonies, welcomed families and friends to the Commencement exercises for the 31 graduates of the Class of 2009. Clerc Center Dean Ed Bosso introduced distinguished guests, including Dr. Robert Davila, who offered his best wishes to the graduates, and said wistfully that this was the final graduation he would participate in as president of the University. Bosso commended the graduating class as willing learners and willing

teachers. "They have taught us about courage and perseverance," he said. He encouraged them to follow William David Thoreau's adage that life is truest when "we are in dreams awake." Bosso said it was his hope that the Class of 2009 "dream big, love big, live big; embrace every single day."

Special guest Carla Shird, an MSSD graduate from the Class of 1993, urged the graduates to recognize and cherish the experiences that adults can bring to their lives. "Appreciate the people who walk in your life because you will never know what kind of contribution or impact they will have," she advised. Shird shared how MSSD math teacher Arsena Strange made a huge contribution to her life. For almost 15 years, until the time of her death from cancer, Strange served as a mentor and friend to Shird, beginning when Shird was a student at MSSD, continuing through her under-

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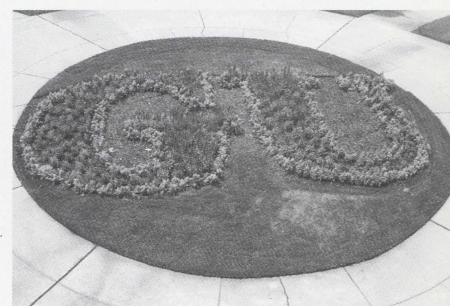
Horticulture specialist keeps Kendall Green beautiful

Intent upon the demands of study or work, Gallaudet's trees and flower beds sometimes go unnoticed by faculty, teachers, staff, and students. One person who is always thinking about the plants of Kendall Green, however, is Trudy Haselhuhn, Grounds Services' horticulture specialist.

Haselhuhn is responsible for ordering and planting every flower on campus. She also tends to other landscaping details large and small, from caring for about 1,500 trees to maintaining the House One fish pond.

Although students and employees may not always consciously take note of the campus vegetation, Haselhuhn suspects that they have an impact on passersby on another level. "Plants can really influence how you feel," said Haselhuhn. "It's the scent, and being able to enjoy something beautiful. It just makes people feel good."

Perhaps that is what drives this 22-year employee of the University to bring in more than 200 flats of flowers each year—a total of almost 4,000 mood-lifting blooms—and learn the life cycle of each tree. Haselhuhn attended Gallaudet as an



Rows of salvia and celosia flowers spell out "GU" near the 6th Street parking garage.

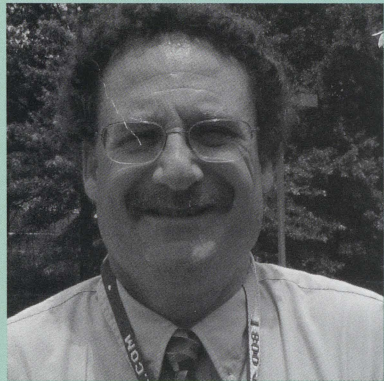
undergraduate, and later went on to receive a landscape technician certification from Montgomery (Md.) College, and then studied garden technology and operation at the University of Maryland. She gained hands-on experience at the National Arboretum, working for a year in its vast herb garden.

Haselhuhn's knowledge in the field can turn a stroll around campus into a detailed botany lesson. She can explain to a walking companion, for example, that the Sousa Dogwood and Catalina trees aren't just attractive for their spring flowers. They each put on a show again in the fall with eye-catching seed pods. There is another fun fact about the Catalina tree: it provides the preffer

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What is your advice for the MSSD and KDES graduating classes of 2009?



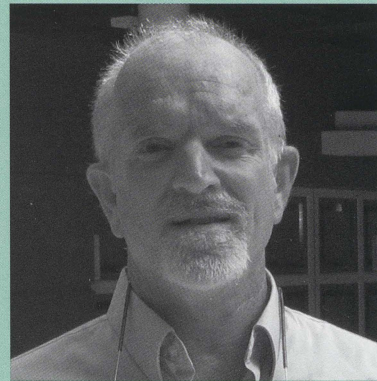
The sky's the limit. Take advantage of the many opportunities that will come in your direction, and seize the day. Congratulations to both classes!

Michael Cashman
director of student life,
Clerc Center



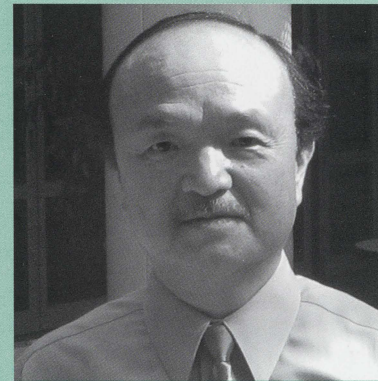
My advice lies in a quote from J. Lubbock: "When we have done our best, we should wait the results in peace." Always do your best and the results will speak for themselves. Continue to reach as high as you can and show the world what you can do.

Charlene Ward
coordinator, IEP/Family
Involvement, KDES



Now that you have the basic tools through what you've learned in school, it's time to make the initial move to pursue your career goals. Follow your heart and go with the flow to help you achieve your goals. Don't let anything stop you. You can do it!

Allen Talbert
internship specialist, MSSD



The wonderful day of your graduation has arrived, but remember that learning is a lifetime activity which means that your education continues. Keep in mind this famous Chinese proverb: "Learning is like rowing upstream. Not to advance is to drop back."

Mark Tao
science teacher, MSSD

MSSD graduation

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graduate years at Howard University and her graduate years at Gallaudet, and finally through her early career years as a mental health therapist.

Isabella Kogan, who gave the graduation message, comes from a Ukrainian deaf family that moved to the United States for a life with equal access to education and jobs. "My heart and MSSD are one," said Kogan. "I blossomed here; it was like a big window that opened to me...I participated in pageants, Junior NAD, the Cultural Exchange Program, cheerleading, and much more...dorm life helped me learn how to take care of myself instead of having my parents tell me everything to do." Kogan will be attending Gallaudet this fall.

MSSD Principal Daniel Dukes presented medals to Valedictorian Johanna Arrigo and Salutatorian Kogan. Arrigo and Kogan also received this year's Alan R. Williams Memorial Scholarship award of \$10,169 each. The award is named in honor of an MSSD alumnus who lived life as an adventure. The Peter B. Hobbs Memorial Award, which honors the first principal of MSSD, goes to a student who shows outstanding academics and citizenship. This year's recipient was Daisy Sering, who received \$1,500. Charity Reedy Hines, Gallaudet's director of the Office of Admissions, presented eight students with scholarships: Arrigo, Kogan, Elizabeth McCune, Sara Moore, Anthony Palmer, David Van Boxlaere, and Krysten Williams received Gallaudet scholarships, and Edward Corporal received the Davila Scholarship. Each of the eight scholarships comes with four years of half tuition to Gallaudet.

Dukes closed the ceremony by expressing his pride in each of the graduates. "It is my pleasure to announce that you are not MSSD students anymore. You are officially MSSD graduates and MSSD alumni." ■

Keeping Kendall Green *green*

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wood of violin makers. Another side of this knowledge is recognizing when trees like the American elm shading the College Hall parking lot are attacked by disease or pests. Although it appears hearty, that particular tree is doing battle with a beetle infestation, which Haselhuhn is trying to curb.

At Gallaudet, the emphasis on landscaping is not only aesthetics but environmentally sound choices. Plant maintenance is 80 percent organic, Haselhuhn said, and she practices integrated pest management (IPM). With IPM, horticulturalists fight nature with nature. A cicada problem that could be treated with a chemical pesticide, for example, was instead tackled with an army of the insect's natural predators, which are appropriately called cicada killers. Just the fact that Gallaudet has so many trees and flowers is environmentally beneficial, Haselhuhn believes. The flowers attract and support important species of wildlife, like bees, which play a key role in agriculture but have declined dramatically around the world in recent years.

Water usage is another way that Gallaudet goes green. Grounds Services

chooses trees that are easy to maintain and do not need large amounts of water.

The skies have been kind this year, assisting with water-saving efforts, but now Grounds Services faces another challenge: an arid budget landscape. Like many schools, businesses, and organizations, the current recession has made it necessary for Gallaudet to conserve resources. Haselhuhn and her colleagues have done their part, examining alternatives like perennial flowers that will save the University money by blooming year after year. Haselhuhn has selected some plants that self-propagate, creating an even greater cost benefit. Grounds Services is also working with a smaller crew than in past years.

Still, bright pansies greet people at Kendall School each morning, and a legion of blue-purple salvia and buff-yellow celosia proudly form the letters "GU" outside the Sixth Street parking garage. However, the crew can always use help, and planting volunteers are welcome. Anyone interested in lending a hand—or just getting to know Gallaudet's plant life better—can contact Haselhuhn at trudy.haselhuhn@gallaudet.edu. ■



Horticulture Specialist Trudy Haselhuhn stands with a kousa dogwood tree behind the Jordan Student Academic Center. The tree creates attractive displays twice each year—white flowers in spring and red seed pods in the fall.

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Answer: After Kendall School, then known as the Columbia Institution for the Deaf, the Dumb, and the Blind, outgrew Rose Cottage, it moved on to the old Fowler Hall, Kendall Hall, Denison House, and the original Kendall School.

During that time, parts of the school program were located in Dawes House, the old gymnasium, Fay House, the Division II building erected during the time that the school was racially segregated, and a collection of temporary buildings.

Today, all classrooms and facilities of this nomadic school are contained in the KDES building.

For more about Kendall School's history, go to clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/Kendall.html.

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